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THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of managing Quality of Service (QoS) and/or bandwidth allocation in a Regional/Access Network (RAN) having a broadband access server (BRAS) that facilitates differentiated end-to-end data transport between a Network
10 Service Provider (NSP) and/or an Application Service Provider (ASP), and a Customer Premises Network (CPN) that includes a Routing Gateway (RG), comprising:

receiving at the RAN, a modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message including updated QoS and/or bandwidth information from the NSP and/or ASP;
15 updating the BRAS with the QoS and/or bandwidth information; and sending updated QoS and/or bandwidth information to the RG.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message includes QoS and/or bandwidth information for a point-to-point
20 protocol session.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message includes QoS and/or bandwidth information for an application flow.
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4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising sending an acknowledgment message responsive to receipt of the modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message from the RAN to the NSP and/or ASP.

30 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the RAN further includes an Application Network Interface (ANI) protocol handler, a DSL Service Manager, and a User Network Interface (UNI) protocol handler; and

wherein receiving at the RAN, a modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message including updated QoS and/or bandwidth information from the NSP and/or
35 ASP comprises receiving at the ANI protocol handler an update application flow control information message and/or a change session bandwidth request from the ASP.

5 6. The method of Claim 5, wherein updating the BRAS with the QoS and/or bandwidth information comprises:

 sending the received update application flow control information message and/or change session bandwidth request to the DSL service manager; and

 sending the QoS and/or bandwidth information from the DSL service manager
10 to the BRAS.

 7. The method of Claim 6, wherein the DSL service manager further verifies authorization of the modification request and updates a local data repository of bandwidth and/or QoS data with the received QoS and/or bandwidth information.
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 8. The method of Claim 6, wherein sending updated QoS and/or bandwidth information to the RG comprises:

 sending the QoS and/or bandwidth information from the DSL service manager to the UNI protocol handler; and

 sending the QoS and/or bandwidth information from the UNI protocol handler
20 to the RG.

 9. The method of Claim 8, further comprising:

 receiving at the UNI protocol handler an acknowledgment of receipt of the
25 QoS and/or bandwidth information by the RG;

 sending an acknowledgment from the UNI protocol handler to the DSL service manager responsive to receiving the acknowledgment of receipt at the UNI protocol handler; and

 sending a response message to the ASP from the DSL manager via the ANI
30 protocol handler.

 10. The method of Claim 5, wherein the QoS and/or bandwidth information comprises point-to-point protocol session QoS and/or bandwidth information.
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 11. A system for managing Quality of Service (QoS) and/or bandwidth allocation in a Regional/Access Network (RAN) having a broadband access server (BRAS) that facilitates differentiated end-to-end data transport between a Network

- 5 Service Provider (NSP) and/or an Application Service Provider (ASP), and a Customer Premises Network (CPN) that includes a Routing Gateway (RG), comprising:

means for receiving at the RAN, a modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message including updated QoS and/or bandwidth information from the NSP and/or
10 ASP;
means for updating the BRAS with the QoS and/or bandwidth information;
and
means for updating the RG with the QoS and/or bandwidth information.

- 15 12. The system of Claim 11, wherein the modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message includes QoS and/or bandwidth information for a point-to-point protocol session.

- 20 13. The system of Claim 11, wherein the modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message includes QoS and/or bandwidth information for an application flow.

- 25 14. The system of Claim 11, further comprising means for sending an acknowledgment message responsive to receipt of the modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message from the RAN to the NSP and/or ASP.

15. The system of Claim 11, wherein the RAN further includes an Application Network Interface (ANI) protocol handler, a DSL Service Manager, and a User Network Interface (UNI) protocol handler; and
30 wherein the means for receiving at the RAN, a modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message including updated QoS and/or bandwidth information from the NSP and/or ASP comprises means for receiving at the ANI protocol handler an update application flow control information message and/or a change session bandwidth request from the ASP.

- 35 16. The system of Claim 15, wherein the means for updating the BRAS with the QoS and/or bandwidth information comprises:

5 means for sending the received update application flow control information message and/or a change session bandwidth request to the DSL service manager; and
means for sending the QoS and/or bandwidth information from the DSL service manager to the BRAS.

10 17. The system of Claim 16, wherein the DSL service manager further includes means for verifying authorization of the modification request and means for updating a local data repository of bandwidth and/or QoS data with the received QoS and/or bandwidth information.

15 18. The system of Claim 16, wherein the means for updating the RG with the QoS and/or bandwidth information comprises:

means for sending the QoS and/or bandwidth information from the DSL service manager to the UNI protocol handler; and

20 means for sending the QoS and/or bandwidth information from the UNI protocol handler to the RG.

19. The system of Claim 18, further comprising:

means for receiving at the UNI protocol handler an acknowledgment of receipt of the QoS and/or bandwidth information by the RG;

25 means for sending an acknowledgment from the UNI protocol handler to the DSL service manager responsive to receiving the acknowledgment of receipt at the UNI protocol handler; and

means for sending a response message to the ASP from the DSL manager via the ANI protocol handler.

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20. The system of Claim 15, wherein the QoS and/or bandwidth information comprises point-to-point protocol session QoS and/or bandwidth information.

35 21. A system for managing Quality of Service (QoS) and/or bandwidth allocation, comprising:

a Regional/Access Network (RAN) having a broadband access server (BRAS) that facilitates differentiated end-to-end data transport between a Network Service

- 5 Provider (NSP) and/or an Application Service Provider (ASP), the RAN being
configured to receive a modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message including
updated QoS and/or bandwidth information from the NSP and/or ASP, update the
BRAS with the QoS and/or bandwidth information update a Routing Gatewal (RG) of
a Customer Premises Network (CPN) with the QoS and/or bandwidth information.

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22. The system of Claim 21, wherein the modify QoS and/or bandwidth
allocation message includes QoS and/or bandwidth information for a point-to-point
protocol session.

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23. The system of Claim 21, wherein the modify QoS and/or bandwidth
allocation message includes QoS and/or bandwidth information for an application
flow.

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24. The system of Claim 21, wherein the RAN is further configured to
send an acknowledgment message responsive to receipt of the modify QoS and/or
bandwidth allocation message from the RAN to the NSP and/or ASP.

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25. The system of Claim 21, wherein the RAN further includes
a DSL Service Manager configured to control modifications of QoS and/or
bandwidth allocation of the BRAS and/or the RG;

an Application Network Interface (ANI) protocol handler configured to
receive an update application flow control information message and/or a change
session bandwidth request from the ASP and pass the received message to the DSL
Service Manager; and

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a User Network Interface (UNI) protocol handler configured to interface
between the DSL Service Manager and the RG.

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26. The system of Claim 25, wherein the DSL Service Manager is further
configured to pass the QoS and/or bandwidth information from the ANI protocol
handler to the BRAS to update the QoS and/or bandwidth information of the BRAS.

27. The system of Claim 26, further comprising a local data repository of
bandwidth and/or QoS data and wherein the DSL Service Manager is further

- 5 configured to verify authorization of the modification request and update the local data repository of bandwidth and/or QoS data with the received QoS and/or bandwidth information.

28. The system of Claim 26, wherein the DSL Service Manager is further
10 configured to forward the QoS and/or bandwidth information to the UNI protocol handler; and

wherein the UNI protocol handler is further configured to pass the QoS and/or bandwidth information to the RG.

15 29. The system of Claim 28, wherein the UNI protocol handler is further configured to receive an acknowledgment of receipt of the QoS and/or bandwidth information by the RG and forward the acknowledgment to the DSL Service Manager; and

wherein the DSL Service Manager is further configured to send a response
20 message to the ASP via the ANI protocol handler.

30. The system of Claim 26, wherein the QoS and/or bandwidth information comprises point-to-point protocol session QoS and/or bandwidth information.

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31. A computer program product for managing Quality of Service (QoS) and/or bandwidth allocation in a Regional/Access Network (RAN) having a broadband access server (BRAS) that facilitates differentiated end-to-end data transport between a Network Service Provider (NSP) and/or an Application Service
30 Provider (ASP), and a Customer Premises Network (CPN) that includes a Routing Gateway (RG), comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code configured to receive at the RAN, a modify
35 QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message including updated QoS and/or bandwidth information from the NSP and/or ASP;

computer readable program code configured to update the BRAS with the QoS and/or bandwidth information; and

5 computer readable program code configured to update the RG with the QoS
and/or bandwidth information.

32. The computer program product of Claim 31, wherein the modify QoS
and/or bandwidth allocation message includes QoS and/or bandwidth information for
10 a point-to-point protocol session.

33. The computer program product of Claim 31, wherein the modify QoS
and/or bandwidth allocation message includes QoS and/or bandwidth information for
an application flow.

15 34. The computer program product of Claim 31, further comprising
computer readable program code configured to send an acknowledgment message
responsive to receipt of the modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message from
the RAN to the NSP and/or ASP.

20 35. The computer program product of Claim 31, wherein the RAN further
includes an Application Network Interface (ANI) protocol handler, a DSL Service
Manager, and a User Network Interface (UNI) protocol handler; and
wherein the computer readable program code configured to receive at the
25 RAN, a modify QoS and/or bandwidth allocation message including updated QoS
and/or bandwidth information from the NSP and/or ASP comprises computer readable
program code configured to receive at the ANI protocol handler an update application
flow control information message and/or a change session bandwidth request from the
ASP.

30 36. The computer program product of Claim 35, wherein the computer
readable program code configured to update the BRAS with the QoS and/or
bandwidth information comprises:

35 computer readable program code configured to send the received update
application flow control information message and/or change session bandwidth
request to the DSL service manager; and

computer readable program code configured to send the QoS and/or
bandwidth information from the DSL service manager to the BRAS.

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37. The computer program product of Claim 36, further comprising:
computer readable program code configured to verify authorization of the
modification request; and

10 computer readable program code configured to update a local data repository
of bandwidth and/or QoS data with the received QoS and/or bandwidth information.

38. The computer program product of Claim 36, wherein the computer
readable program code configured to update the RG with the QoS and/or bandwidth
information comprises:

15 computer readable program code configured to send the QoS and/or
bandwidth information from the DSL service manager to the UNI protocol handler;
and

computer readable program code configured to send the QoS and/or
bandwidth information from the UNI protocol handler to the RG.

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39. The computer program product of Claim 38, further comprising:
computer readable program code configured to receive at the UNI protocol
handler an acknowledgment of receipt of the QoS and/or bandwidth information by
the RG;

25 computer readable program code configured to send an acknowledgment from
the UNI protocol handler to the DSL service manager responsive to receiving the
acknowledgment of receipt at the UNI protocol handler; and

computer readable program code configured to send a response message to the
ASP from the DSL manager via the ANI protocol handler.

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40. The computer program product of Claim 35, wherein the QoS and/or
bandwidth information comprises point-to-point protocol session QoS and/or
bandwidth information.

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